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Kiesinger, Brandt Head Spy-Agency Inquiry

BONN, Oct. 28 (AP)—Chancellor Kiesinger and Foreign Minister Willy Brandt are to take personal charge of a sweeping review of West Germany's intelligence services as a result of the current espionage scare.

A government spokesman, Conrad Ahlers, announced today that the two leaders will head up the probe "as soon as possible."

The investigation emphasizes the concern in Germany and other nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization toward a wave of arrests, suicides, mysterious deaths and disappearances among military and government servants in the past month.

Ahlers again discounted suggestions that the incidents were connected.

Kiesinger's and Brandt's main task will be to tighten the co-ordination between the various organizations responsible for security: military counter-espionage, the Office for the Protection of the Constitution, the Criminal Investigation Department of the police and the Federal Prosecutor's Office.

With Brandt acting in his capacity as deputy chancellor, the two leaders are expected to concentrate their probe on Rear Adm. Herman Luedke, a newly retired senior NATO officer found dead in a forest Oct. 8.

The Luedke case, involving microfilm pictures of secret NATO documents found in a Bonn photo store and traced to the admiral, has sparked a major row between West German civil and military investigators.

Federal prosecutor Ludwig Martin, now handling the case, has accused the other agencies of informing him too late of their suspicion that the admiral was a spy.

The microfilm was handed to Bonn police Sept. 23, but it was not until Sept. 30 that Martin's office was informed.

Luedke was apparently free to move around, and finally to leave home Oct. 8 on the hunting trip which ended in his death. So far, investigators have been unable to prove whether Luedke was slain or took his own life.

Col. Lothar Domroese, a Defense Ministry spokesman, could not say whether Luedke had been shadowed until his death. The Ministry learned of the death two days later when Mrs. Luedke called.

Domroese was questioned on the recent arrests in the year-old case of the theft of an American-built air-to-air Sidewinder rocket from a NATO base in south Germany.

Domroese confirmed press reports that parts of an aircraft navigation system had been stolen at the same time. Informed sources identified the navigation system as LN-3, designed for low-level flight.